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Dear Mr. Noe,

The other day I received a letter from a relative of mine, and she said that she had some coins, of which she would be glad to give me one, and she gave the following list: Silver Dollar, 1871; Half Dollar, 1854, with a hole in it; Quarter, 1872; Dime, 1869; Half Dime, 1854; Three Cent Piece, 1865; Canadian Cent, 1899; Farthing, 1875; and Mexican Dollar, 1833. You see she did not give either the condition or the mint mark, if any; so it is rather hard to choose. I looked up the American coins in the appendix to the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, and found that none of them were rare as far as the date of issue is concerned, so I decided that I'd better submit the list to you, for your advice. If you aren't too busy I would like to have you let me know which, in your opinion, is the one I should choose.

There is one other thing I would like to ask you. There is a boy up at school from whom I have bought a good many coins, and he has a dollar bill, series of 1891 or 92, I forget which, in very good condition, which he would like to sell. I haven't asked him how much he would want for it, but I wondered whether such a thing was worth anything beyond its face value.

There are several other things which are on my mind but they can wait until you are out again. I missed seeing you Monday. I saw you going into Mrs. Chester's house in the afternoon, but when I went over in the evening, I found you had gone.

Thanking you for your kind assistance, I am,

yours sincerely,

A. Van Wie Ingham

January 8th, 1921

Mr. Albert Van Wie Ingham
26 Union Street
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Dear Van Wie:

Your letter of January 5th is at hand. As you know, condition plays a large part in making a decision such as you desire, but as I must leave this out of consideration I should judge that the 1871 silver dollar was likely to be of ²much value as any of the other pieces you describe - especially, if it is of the Carson City mint.

I should advise against the dollar bill of which you write - first, because it is perhaps as well to stick to coins exclusively rather than divide your interest between coins and paper money; and, second, because I doubt very much that there would be a premium on this particular bill.

I shall soon be in New Brunswick again, and you can take up with me any other matters.

Very sincerely yours,

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